(c) what are the reasons for delay in clearing proposals associated with Central Road Fund; and

(d) the expected date of clearance of remaining proposals submitted by Andhra Pradesh Goverment under the Central Road Fund Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Under the Central Road Fund, funds are released to the State Governments after taking into account total cost of schemes approved, funds already released, requirements projected by State Governments and the funds available during the financial year for entire country for the purpose. Against their demand of Rs. 11.01 lakhs, an amount of Rs. 11.00 lakhs has been earmarked for Andhra Pradesh during this financial year.

(c) and (d) As the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited, has not yet taken place, the same have not been processed for approval. Soon after the actual augmentation takes place, proposals will be taken up for clearance.

Budhists' claim on Babri Masjid-Ram Janam Bhoomi site

2494. SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI:

SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent statement of Dr. Savita Ambedkar that the site of Babri Masjid and Ram Janam Bhoomi in Ayodhya belonging to the Buddhist community; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) A case is pending before the High Court at Lucknow which, among other things would also decide on the title of the property in dispute. Government's efforts to find an amicable solution through negotiations will continue.

Extension of President's Rule in Punjab

2495. SHRI JAGESH DESAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the President's Rule in the State of Punjab is likely to be extended as reported in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 14th July, 1990;

(b) whether Government have already formed an opinion that they are unable to solve the Punjab problem; and

(c) if so, what fresh initiatives have been contemplated to deal with the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) No decision has yet been taken in this regard.

Attempts for separating Tamil Nadu from Indian Union

2496. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that certain forces in Tamil Nadu are trying to get that State separated from Indian Union in connivance with certain reactionary forces of Sri Lanka;

(b) whether Government propose to take some steps in the matter urgently; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOFE AFFAIRS

(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) There is no force in Tamil Nadu trying to get the State separated from the Union. Certain incipient efforts of a few elements to propagate self-determination have come to notice. Appropriate action against such elements has been taken

Terrorism and secessionism in the country

2497. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI. Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the last six months, terrorism and secessionist have increased in the country;

(b) whether Government are also aware that during the last six months, regionalism and sub-regionalism have also increased;

(c) whether Government propose to take some drastic steps to save the country from these anti-national activities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Some anti-national forces have sinister designs to destablise the unity of the country. Their ugly plans have to be effectively countered by a determined nation. The national Integration Council in its meeting on 11th April, 1990 has appealed for mobilisation of all nationalist, democratic and secular forces to meet the challenge of violence, secessionism, communalism and fundamentalism. Government is determined to ensure that a durable climate of communal harmony, stability and progress prevails throughout the country. All necessary help and assistance is being provided by the Central Government to the State Governments concerned to maintain peace and tranquillity.

Marine Drive Road between Orissa and West Bengal

2498. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposal from the State Government of Orissa for a Marine Drive Road from Gopalpur Port in Orissa to Digha in West Bengal by constructing a highway along the coast for clearance;

(b) if so, the total mileage of the road and the amount required for the purpose; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The total length of this road in Orissa is 462 Kms. with an estimated cost of Rs. 528.03 crores. The World Bank have yet to communicate their willingness to finance 2nd package of State Road Projects, and as such this project as well as other proposals have not yet been posed to the Bank for consideration.

महिलाओं पर अत्याचार

2499. **कुमारी सरोज खापर्डे** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले आठ महीनों के दौरान देश में महिलाओं पर अत्याचार तथा उनके साथ बलात्कार तथा छेड़छाड़ की घटनाओं में बहुत अधिक वृद्धि हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उपरोक्त अवधि में विभिन्न राज्यों में हुए ऐसे कुल मामलों की संख्या का ब्योरा क्या है ; और

(ग) गुनाहगारों को पकड़ने तथा ऐसी घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाये हैं ?